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3163-SI-sti**REMARKS****Amendments to the Claims**

As claims 13-18 were previously indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, the applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the non-optional elements of claim 13. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the broader subject matter in a divisional application.

Claim 2 has been cancelled as it is outside the scope of claim 1 as amended.

Both the Examiner and the applicants overlooked the fact that former claim 14 did not further limit claim 13 and should have been objected to as being a duplicate claim. As such claim 14 has been cancelled. The dependency of claim 15 has been amended to address this cancellation.

**Prior Art Rejections**

It is believed that the amendments to the claims render the prior art rejections moot.

**Closing**

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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